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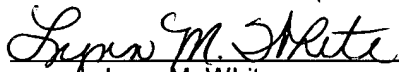
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TITLE: USE OF BLOOD AND PLASMA DONOR SAMPLES AND DATA
IN THE DRUG DISCOVERY PROCESS

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111
TO EXAMINER'S ACTION MAILED JANUARY 4, 2006**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed January 4, 2006, having a period for response set to expire on April 4, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time to respond to the Office Action for two months, to June 5, 2006 (June 4 being a Sunday), is contained herein, along with authorization to charge the fee to a credit card. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper; Remarks begin on page 15 of this paper.